GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:819
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TELEVISION TAX. .
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government proposes a tax on purchase of television set; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) As per Entry No.54 of the State List of the 7th Schedule to the Constitution of India, the imposition of taxes on the sale or purchase, within the State, of goods, including televisions, is a State subject. The VAT system of taxation on sale or purchase of goods presently prevalent is accordingly under the purview of the respective State Governments and outside the purview of the Union Government. Hence, the Union Government has no proposal to levy tax on purchase of television set.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.